

The Bloomfield Record.

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The Tuxed Question.

Ms. Editor:

One of our public spirited citizens is now making a very praiseworthy attempt to induce the inauguration of the system of improvement of our streets by curbing and paving for that purpose. He deserves and will receive the commendation and thanks of the community, and the fair prospect that his efforts will result in some definite and permanent good seems to render the discussion at this time of the manner in which such improvements should be made eminently proper.

The choice lies between the use of a MacAdam or Telford pavement, the Belgian block or the Granite or Syenite block pavements. These several kinds are to be judged and preferred according to their cost, durability and fitness to answer the effect sought.

We all know what the Telford is. Its use upon Bloomfield avenue has given us good opportunity to observe it. If kept in perfect repair it unquestionably makes a good road.

The Belgian pavement is composed of cubes of about 5 inches of trap rock. If well laid it presents a smooth surface and is almost indestructible.

The Granite, or properly speaking, Syenite pavement, consists of cubes of from 6 to 8 inches of Syenite. Granite is composed of quartz, feldspar and mica, Syenite, of quartz, feldspar and hornblende. The celebrated Quincy Granite, so called, is Syenite. Another description of this last pavement consists of blocks about 4 inches thick, 12 inches long and 8 inches wide, set like the pavement in Broadway, New York. This latter kind is unquestionably the very best in use, presents a smooth surface and on account of the narrowness of the exposed face furnishes a secure foothold.

The cost of these pavements, as nearly as the writer has by careful inquiry been able to learn, is as follows. Telford, complete, including grading, where the earth to be removed does not exceed 12 inches. Belgian block, including grading and sand, that is to say, laid complete, about \$1.50 per square yard. The Syenite cubes, including grading, etc., \$2.25 per square yard. The same of the long block as above described, including grading, etc., as before \$2.75 per square yard.

Much of the Telford in Orange and East Orange cost when laid, three or four years ago, more than the best Syenite can be put down for now.

The Telford is, or rather has been, fashionable, because the interest advocating and supporting it has been large and powerful. On the other hand many candid men who have had a good opportunity for observing it express serious doubts as to its practical utility.

It will be observed that the first cost of Telford is less than that of either of the other kinds, but it must be borne in mind that it requires constant attention and repair, and if this is not given just at the right time, the cost will be greatly enhanced. The lowest estimate the writer has obtained of the cost of repair after the second or third year is 10 cents per square yard. East Orange has several miles of Telford. Last year the appropriation for road repairs was \$10,000, and this year it is likely to be greater and of course must constantly increase. The Belgian and Syenite block pavements when once laid seldom call for additional expenditure, hence at the end of a few years are actually cheaper than the Telford and at the end of twenty years or more are substantially as good as new.

Now this question of repairs to Telford is a serious one and should be considered in the light of experience before that pavement is generally adopted in this township.

We are not a people able to appropriate annually a large sum of money to be expended in repairs to roads, and therefore we should at the outset adopt such a system as will enable us to reap the advantages to be gained from permanent improvements without burdening ourselves with a constant outlay when it is not necessary. Our first object should be to provide good, durable roadways to accommodate the demands of necessity rather than to furnish fancy drives for those who possess a light appreciation of the burdens of taxation, because they seldom participate to any extent in relieving them.

The dust raising from Telford, and the difficulty of repairing it when gas mains or supply pipes are laid also renders it exceedingly objectionable.

In conclusion allow me, Mr. Editor to suggest to you and your readers, that it would be wise to inaugurate a system of improvement, which we so greatly need, by a candid and fair discussion, a public meeting of the questions which have been adverted to above, in order that what we do may be done advisedly and with a general understanding of the results that will follow the adoption of either course that may be recommended. At any rate prudence is not incompatible with improvement, and to endeavor to ascertain how we can obtain the best results from proposed outlay before we proceed to the outlay seems to be the part of wisdom.

Township Meeting.

The annual meeting of citizens, called by the Township Committee, was held on Monday evening, Mr. J. F. Randolph was appointed Chairman and Mr. J. F. Folsom acted as Secretary. On motion the Annual Report was received and accepted.

From the Report it appeared that the disbursements for the year have been as follows:

Current Township Expenses,	\$5,346 75
Expended for Poor, (including New House),	5,034 30
For Repair of Roads,	2,431 17
Public Grounds,	9,000 97
Gardening,	177 00
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New Sidewalks,	86 67
Grading,	1,710 00
Last Payment for Lamp Posts,	15,029 68
Schools,	31,529 94
County Tax,	8,202 26
Bal. in hands of Collectors,	\$70,000 38

Taxes, assessments, fees, &c. have been collected to the total amount stated, but there are of Uncollected Taxes as follows:

Year 1872	\$4,310 92
" 1873	2,130 10
" 1874	7,257 57
" 1875	18,841 49
Total Arrears	\$32,441 08

The great necessity of collecting these taxes is urged in the report, where it is stated that the County has claims against us of \$21,000, the Township Schools \$5,600, and Gas Lighting to April 1st, \$2,400.

The report was accepted without any adverse criticism of the Town Committee, and who, doubtless, have managed affairs for us as well as can be expected in view of the times. The meeting, on the proposition of the Chairman, then proceeded to vote for the poor fund. Some were nominated, ranging from \$2,500 to \$3,000. Mr. E. Peckham, in advocating the higher sum, complimented the Overseer and the Town Committee for good management in expending the fund during the past year. An appropriation of \$3,000 received the largest vote.

The sum of \$2,500 was then voted for Contingent Expenses.

The appropriation of money for Road purposes called forth a lively debate. It was stated that a petition had been circulated for improving parts of Glenwood avenue and Broad street by laying Telford pavement, and that in making an appropriation it would be well to make it large enough to provide for the preparatory grading. Mr. Page inquired if the appropriation proposed was to include cost of paving in front of the public ground.

Mr. E. S. Wilde spoke in opposition to the plan of going forward under the Bloomfield Improvement Law, stating that a general road law to govern all township improvements was to be introduced in the Legislature, which would afford special road laws, hence arguing that it would be wise to wait until the general law was in force. He also entered a plea for a low appropriation, on account of the extreme difficulty of collecting the taxes. Remarks in favor of the proposed improvement of Broad street were made by Messrs. Lyon, Hughes, Esquire Day, Dr. Davis and Rev. Mr. Ballantine.

The latter gentleman, from the down-right applause which followed his few but pointed remarks, struck a fatal blow at the policy of waiting for something to turn up in the Legislature. The feeling of the meeting was strongly partial to do something at once to extricate the town from the reproach as well as the annoyance of having its main thoroughfare in such a horrid condition. It was at length voted that \$2,000 be appropriated for repair of roads.

Dr. Davis then moved that the Town Committee be instructed to sign a petition on behalf of the Township for paving in front of the public ground, provided they are legally competent to do so, the width of pavement not to exceed 20 feet.

Another resolution was adopted instructing the Town Committee to reserve \$1,000 of the money voted for roads to be used only for the purpose of preparing the street for telford pavement.

An appropriation of \$100 was voted for crosswalks.

It was voted that \$34.51 be raised for expenditure on the Public Ground, which amount was afterwards increased, making it \$100.

A motion of Judge Coe's, to appropriate \$800 to provide a lock-up was voted on but lost.

On motion of Mr. J. A. Hedden, the New Library Building was designated as the place at which elections are to be held next year.

Sunday School Teachers' Association.

In consequence of the many meetings of various kinds held during the last two months there has been no meeting of our Sunday School Teachers' Association. The managers have also found it impossible to obtain such speakers as they thought would interest and profit our people, and have therefore deemed it unwise to attempt holding our monthly gatherings as usual. They are very happy now to announce to the Sabbath School Teachers of Bloomfield, and all friends of Sabbath Schools, that they have secured the services of Rev. Henry C. Fish, D. D., of Newark, who will be present with us on Wednesday evening, March 22, and deliver his lecture on Palestine. This lecture is the result of six months' personal observation, is highly entertaining and instructive, and should be heard by every friend of Sabbath Schools in the town. Due notice of place will be given. Of course the lecture is free.

Vocal Society's Concert next Wednesday night in the new hall.

Public Judgment Against the Essex Public Road Board.

Mr. Editor:—I have a few words to say in regard to the bill now before the Legislature, proposing the change of power from the Essex County Road Board to the Board of Freeholders.

In what way are we to be relieved or benefited by the proposed change. Is there not the same material and disposition existing, and will it not be found that the very foundation for the whole mischief and injustice, exists in a concentrated form in members of the latter body? In fact it appears as simply a change to a horse of another color, in order to continue the same process by which we are to be stamped to death.

Wire pulling among politicians may be an amusement to hood-wink the people. But because they wish to force such unpatriotic material down our throats, it is supposed that we are fools enough to swallow it, and consider the nauseating dose as nutritious. The whole thing is a farce, and if persisted in it will not only injure the Board of Chosen Freeholders, but the community exhausted with a continuation of incessant expenditure and the various shifts to perpetuate power, oppression, injustice and extravagance (by which we are piling up an enormous debt) will rise en masse and demand the abolishment of the Board of Freeholders, as well as the one making itself detestable by its assumption of purity and justice.

To take a common sense view of the existing state of things, I ask this simple question. In our necessity for retrenchment, are we to stand idly by and see taxes and all expenses accumulating to such an extent as will eventually drive us to desperate measures? The only answer that can be given, will be such thorough condemnation by the people as will sweep deception and the perpetrators out of political existence with the execrations of the uninjured community.

Let us rise then and oppose with all our might this transfer of folly and extravagance from one body already condemned as unworthy to another composed of the same material and likely to prove the same. We have been the stepping stones for designing men that are destroying us by want of economy and extravagance. Are we to endure it longer by the continuation of the blood sucking process until we are completely exhausted? If not let us demand of our representatives the unconditional repeal of the Essex County Road Board law.

Between Two Fires.

One of the orators at the late town meeting, in his ardent advocacy of making Bloomfield a paradise for new comers by a prodigal expenditure for improvements, wound up his speech by declaring that if we don't do better than we have done, "we'll be damned as a people."

Another speaker, taking the opposite side, refrained from saying "damned" but he certainly tried to show us that we were on the broad road to destruction.

Now what is poor Bloomfield going to do, under this cross-fire of hail and brimstone? It is the old story, "you'll be damned if you do, and damned if you don't"—undertake to please everybody.

We have always believed that the only way to get along in this town was by a harmonious working together of all interests. But it has seemed like mixing oil and water to labor for such a union of conflicting opinion. Can anybody help poor Bloomfield out of this bad fix? Which horn of the dilemma shall she choose? High taxes with improvements—leading to the broad road? or low taxes without any improve, likewise leading to perdition? How to have city improvements and how not to have taxes to pay—there's the rub. Unless we can resolve to travel neither of the extreme roads, and hit terms on some middle course, there is no hope for us.

The Roll of Honor.

W. B. Corby, C. T. Unangst, Hayes & Taylor, Henry Godby, Samuel Baxter, R. N. Dodd, Israel C. Ward.

These are the names of those citizens who have first signed a petition for paving Glenwood avenue extending from the Depot to Broad street. Those gentlemen have thereby taking the first step forward in bona fide street improvement in this town. They deserve much credit for thus taking the initiative, having secured beyond doubt our first stretch of township pavement. The petition, which will be presented at the next Town Committee meeting, calls for a Telford pavement from curb to curb. Another petition is drawn up and in the hands of townsman Corby, for Broad street, specifying the same kind of pavement, also from curb to curb. Before it is offered for signatures, it is desirable that a preliminary understanding be had as to what width will be most popular with signers. And we may add that before deciding on that point, the question whether Telford is the most desirable pavement ought to be considered. A communication elsewhere will be read with profit, just now, and we think the writer is entitled to thanks for the valuable information he gives thus opportunely on this "vexed question" of road improvement. He makes it appear conclusive, from his figures and citation of experience in other towns, that a stone block pavement is in all respects preferable to Telford.

Miss Lassar.—For the first time our people will have an opportunity, next Wednesday evening, to hear this well-known Soprano. If the new hall is to bring such talent as Mr. Arbutuckle and Miss Lassar to Bloomfield, we shall have additional ground to congratulate ourselves upon its completion.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Republican Primary to-night. Not much need of "advertising." The room will doubtless be packed.

The Young Men's Union will give a musical and literary entertainment in the M. E. Church on the 11th inst.

Rev. E. W. Burr, pastor of the M. E. Church, will preach next Sunday evening on "Lessons as to National Honor and Integrity."

Mr. J. A. Hedden, has commenced the erection of two new stores at the Center, to fill the now open space between Madison's Market and the Gas Company's office.

All the old Constables are eager for the fray, and suffrages of their fellow citizens for re-election next Monday. It is expected that the "tag of war" will be a constabulary one.

An effort is being made to secure Prof. O. H. Fethers, the eminent elocutionist for the evening of humorous and pathetic readings to be given in this town in a few days. If this is so, a rare treat may be looked for.

Of the candidates for town offices it is safe to reckon upon the re-election of the present incumbents: Judge of Election; Assessor; Collector; Town Clerk; three Town Committeemen; the Freeholders; and the Overseer of the Poor. As for the Custodians of the Public Peace, there is no telling how the constabulary cat will jump.

The Quarterly Entertainment and Anniversary of the Young Men's Union of the M. E. Church will take place on Friday evening, March 17th. The exercises will consist of Readings, Recitations and Essays, interspersed with singing by the Arion Quartette Club and other members of the society. Admission free. All are welcome. Exercises to commence at 7.45.

Go early to the Primary Meeting (if you expect to get in) and be sure to vote for the best men nominated. Recipe for doing this—don't heed the cry of "up, up," nor follow the lead of mere politicians. At the start, however, be sure to go for a strictly trustworthy Chairman and vote-counters. With such, half the battle in behalf of the "best men" will be gained.

The bon-ton affair of the season was held at the residence of Miss Ida Farand on Friday eve. There were about 80 guests all in full dress. Among them were the well known faces of Mr. Ed. Cleveland, Mr. L. Richards and sister, and others. We must not forget to mention Miss Weaver, who held the guests spell-bound while she sang a beautiful song. All in her power to have the affair pass off pleasantly. The music by Professor O'Pake was excellent and dancing was enjoyed till a late hour.

R. L.

Essex Road Board.

A meeting of the Essex Road Board's assessors for benefits on Bloomfield avenue, called to hear the objections of aggrieved property owners, was held at Gillett's Hotel on Monday last. John H. Cadwell, Jos. K. Oakes Samuel Benson, John H. Chambers, C. T. Unangst and others whose names we did not learn each had something to say for themselves. Chas. L. Ward was represented by counsel, J. Frank Fort, Esq., who made an able exposition of the injustice of the assessment in the case of Mr. Ward. The Commissioners went over the avenue again in the afternoon, on a tour of inspection. That will be done next remains to be seen.

List of Letters.

Remainder undelivered at the Post Office in Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1878.

Corry, Mary E. Hoboken, N. J. George Kennedy, Hannah Kennedy, Killy Taylor, John S. Trif, James Edwards, A. D. Wondol, John Z.

Any person calling for the above letters will please say "advertised." H. DODD, P. M.

DIED.

WEDNESDAY—In Franklin, N. J., March 4, Alvin WEDNESDAY, aged 92 years 4 months.

WARD—In Bloomfield, March 5, Mary, widow of the late Peter Ward, aged 64 years.

ADAMS—March 8, BENJAMIN C. ADAMS, aged 77 years, 5 months.

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A Card.

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It is true that this charge was made, and in the view of it we suspended him from service; but it is not true that we are "thoroughly satisfied of his dishonesty." On the contrary, after full inquiry among our customers, we have concluded to restore him to his place, and accordingly he will be seen on our wagon again next week.

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